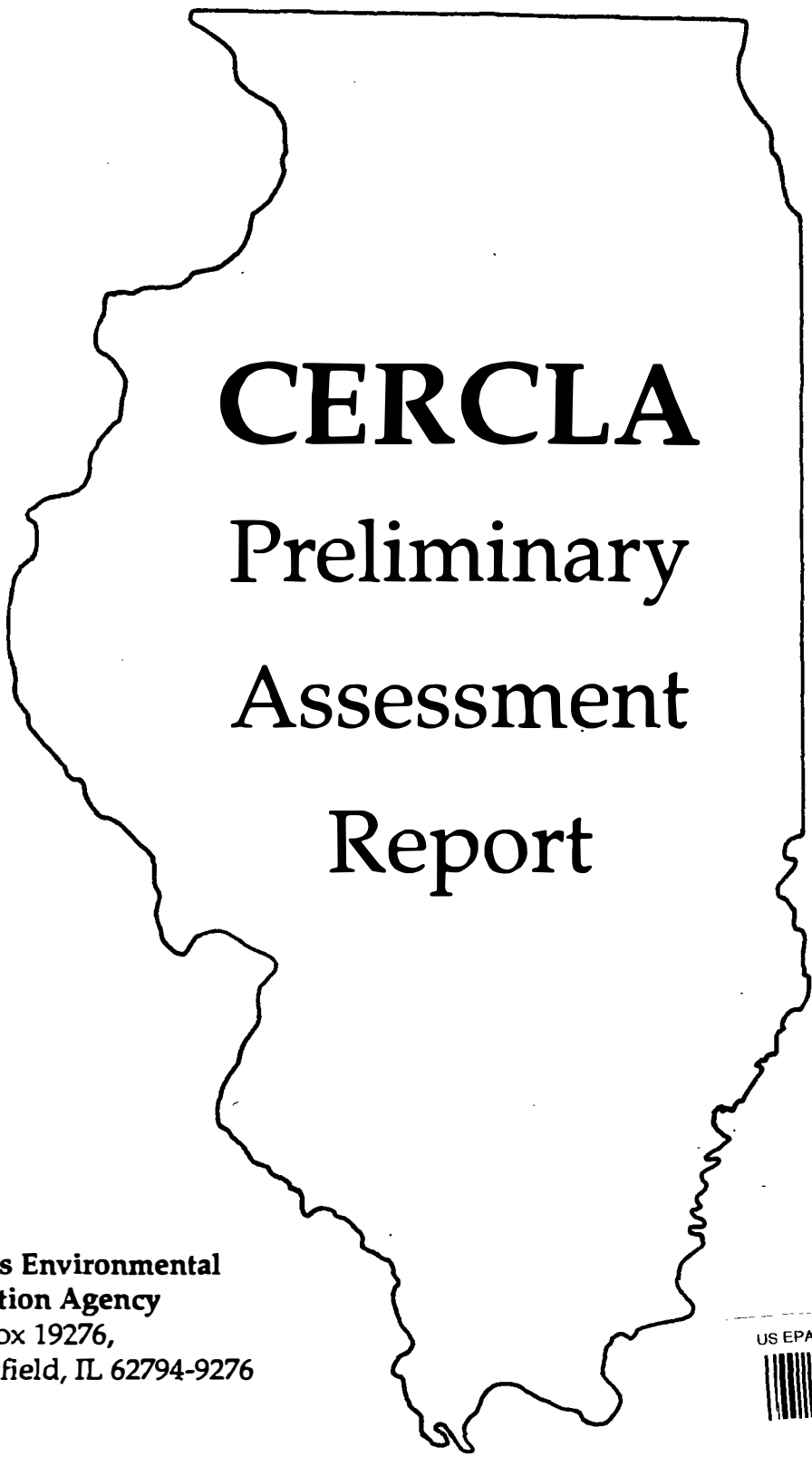


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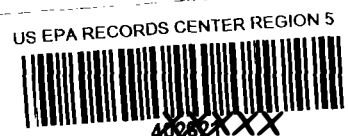
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I. INTRODUCTION

Rock Valley Disposal, 30237 Plautz Road of Rock Falls (ILD. 984903294) was placed on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information Systems (CERCLA) on July 20, 1992. The site was referred to the CERCLA program when personnel with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency conducted an investigation based on a citizen complaint. During the investigation, observations were made which lead agency personnel to believe that past disposal practices at the site might have adversely impacted nearby surface water and local groundwater.

A Preliminary Assessment (PA) was performed under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 as amended by Superfund Amendments and Re-Authorization Act (SARA) of 1986. The Preliminary Assessment was performed to collect information to support a decision whether further action is necessary under CERCLA\SARA. The Preliminary Assessment will define the site and discuss its operational history and potential impact on the four environmental pathways (groundwater, surface water, soil exposure and air).

2. SITE HISTORY

Rock Valley Disposal is an inactive rural landfill which was privately owned at the time this investigation was conducted. The

property on which the landfill exists consists of approximately 52 total acres located six miles south east of Rock Falls. Land use around this site is used for agriculture and residential purposes. Prior to landfill operations, this land was used for growing watermelons and agricultural purposes (Reference 15). The site is located within the southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 23, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 26 all being in Township 20 north Range 7 east of the fourth Principal Meridian in Whiteside County Illinois.

Landfill activities were believed to have started around 1960. Twelve 12 acres on the north end of this property, located along Plautz Road, in addition to 10 acres on the southeast corner were used for waste deposition (Reference 2). The landfill was started by Earnest B. Sandusky who purchased the property on June 21, 1960 from David and Leanna Miller. Hence the name Sandusky Landfill remains descriptive of the site today, also known as Rock Valley Disposal and/or Plautz Road Dump. Previous disposal activities at this site were not permitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Illinois EPA files contain information of various types of waste deposited on the property. Municipal waste from Rock Falls, automobiles, municipal sewage sludge, septic waste and appliances are all documented to be disposed of at the site. Industrial sources of the Rock Falls area are unknown and whether these wastes were deposited in this landfill. Information concerning when wastes were no longer deposited in this area is currently unavailable. Mr. Earnest Sandusky passed away in 1969 and

EPA files show Mrs. Earnest Sandusky operated until 1972. Contact with Mrs. Sandusky during this investigation was unsuccessful which prevented the project manager from obtaining facts about types and methods used to dispose waste. Specific dates of when the landfill operations were started and finished were unable to be obtained.

Mr. Henry Bilthouse from Cook county purchased the landfill property from Mrs. Earnest Sandusky in the early 1970's. Mr. Bilthouse stated he purchased the property along with the trash hauling service as an investment. According to Mr. Bilthouse, wastes were not dumped on this property during his ownership. Instead waste was transported to Dixon, Illinois and landfilled. After waste hauling services happened to be non-profitable, Mr. Bilthouse sold the business and this parcel of property (Reference 14).

In 1980 William Surratt purchased this property from Henry Bilthouse. Mr. Surratt has since leased the areas not landfilled for agricultural purposes. The barrels which were presumed to contain motor oil were kept on site near a storage building by Mr. Surratt. At least one drum was found with holes shot into it which allowed it to leak onto the ground. Some construction materials were dumped on the back 10 acres, after 1980, with Mr. Surratt's consent. These problems were recognized on April 1992 and ordered to be resolved in an accepted manner under the jurisdiction of Whiteside County Health department.

Based on the findings of the Health department, the site was referred to Illinois EPA Region I personnel. Previous Whiteside

County Health department records from 1966 through early 1970's indicate a concern for several environmental problems. Inspection criteria pertained to containment of blowing litter, adequate control of rats and daily covering of waste with soil. These problems were also policed by Illinois EPA as of 1971.

Since the early days when the Illinois EPA was started in 1970, more information on environmental concerns is available. During the last 20 years more stringent criteria have been established for landfills to meet environmental concerns. Landfills are known for containing a wide variety of materials which have the potential to leak out and effect the environment. These materials which leach into the environment may cause harm, in this case to groundwater. Groundwater around the site has not been tested prior to this CERCLA investigation. The site was referred to the CERCLA program for potential NPL listing by EPA Region I personnel based on a potential groundwater contamination.

3. SITE RECONNAISSANCE

A CERCLA site reconnaissance inspection was conducted on May 19, 1993 by Mr. Brad Taylor and Mr. Robert Casper with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) Site Assessment Program. The inspection was conducted to survey surrounding land use, nearest residence, topographic features, and site conditions.

Upon arrival at Rock Valley Disposal an introduction with Mr. William Surratt transpired. The purpose of conducting the CERCLA

investigation was explained. Mr. Surratt stated that he was cited by the Whiteside County Health Department for several violations, such as the waste oil barrels, wrecked automobiles and also a number of discarded tires. The automobiles were cut apart for scrap metal and salvage materials.

Property boundaries were described by Mr. Surratt followed by a brief history on the different areas of the property. The 12 acre parcel near Plautz Road was used to landfill waste. There were several junk cars and garbage trucks visually observed. Larger trees were growing up through wrecked automobiles which indicated an extended period of time had passed since they were disposed of.

During the reconnaissance it was difficult to determine the extent of landfill boundaries or depth at which debris was buried. Along Plautz Road, the landfill was approximately 10 to 12 feet higher than the road surface. This area appears to have been excavated and then backfilled with waste materials.

As previously stated, the south east corner of the property was also used for landfill purposes. This area consisted of approximately 10 acres and appeared to be an estimated 30 feet higher than surrounding ground surface elevations. The northern edge of the landfill slopes down toward the east. The east end of this area appeared much higher than surrounding areas indicating a greater concentration of waste in this area. The remainder of this parcel of land, 30 acres, is currently used for agricultural purposes.

Topography of the Rock Valley Disposal property was gently

rolling with elevated areas where wastes were deposited. The land adjacent to this property is slightly lower and its primary use is agriculture.

During the CERCLA reconnaissance, the slopes of the landfill were checked for visible leachate. But conditions were dry and no leachate was observed on the landfill slopes. Vegetation did not appear to be stressed or discolored on top or the sides of the landfill. Although, vegetation was sparsely scattered in some areas on top of the landfill which could be attributed to sand content in the soil. Soil did not appear discolored around the landfill.

Photographs were collected to document the site appearance and potential sources of contamination during this site reconnaissance (Reference 3).

4. EXPOSURE PATHWAYS

4.1 Geology of the Area

Rock Valley Disposal is located in the Green River Lowlands. Unconsolidated deposits within this area resulted from both glacial activity and surface erosion. These unconsolidated deposits overlie limestone bedrock. In the immediate vicinity of the landfill the glacial till from the Pleistocene formation can be found to the depth of approximately 100 feet (Reference 9). The glacial till consists of sand and gravel which is classified as a good to excellent water producing aquifer (Reference 4,9,10). Sandy loam mixed with silt is approximately 30 feet deep from the surface

(Reference 5). Below the sandy loam lies a sand and gravel mixture which extends down to bedrock. A confining or impermeable layer, is nonexistent within 100 feet of ground surface. Below the drift material exists a layer of bedrock which is known as Silurian Limestone formation (Reference 4,9,10).

4.2 Groundwater Pathway

Information provided by the Rock Falls water department superintendent indicated that residents within the 4 mile target distance limit of Rock Valley Disposal are not served by public water (Reference 1,6). Therefore, it is believed that all residents within the identified 4 mile target distance limit use private wells (Reference 1). The groundwater pathway target population was derived by counting the number of houses within each distance ring multiplied by the average number of residents per household for Whiteside County (Reference 7).

<u>Distance (Miles)</u>	<u>Wells</u>	<u>Private Well Population</u>
0 to 1/4	3	9
1/4 to 1/2	4	11
1/2 to 1.0	14	37
1.0 to 2.0	80	212
2.0 to 3.0	325	861
3.0 to 4.0	412	1092
Totals	838	2222

Residents identified within a 1/4 mile of the landfill are considered primary targets due to close proximity with the site and content of sand and gravel. Wells in this area are finished in the glacial till located above the bedrock. Materials may enter

groundwater through infiltration of soil types. Due to a high amount of sand and gravel content in the soil there is an increased potential of groundwater contamination which may directly affect nearby residents.

Private wells around the landfill have not been tested in the past. Due to a high sand content in the soil, irrigation is used to a large extent on agricultural fields adjoining the landfill. Since large volumes of water can be used during irrigation of agricultural crops, flow of groundwater may be influenced.

Because this area has a high sand content or high infiltration rate and presence of residential wells nearby, a concern for groundwater contamination exists. Mr. Surratt commented that during the early 1980's, his son lived on the north end of the property near Plautz Road. A shallow well on the property was used for drinking and bathing purposes. Mr. Surratt claimed the quality of water from this well was good for drinking, and that it had no noticeable smell, taste or color.

Due to lack of testing, it is unknown whether contaminants exist in groundwater or to what extent the aquifer has been affected.

4.3 Surface Water Pathway

During a site reconnaissance on May 19, 1993, there were no indications of surface or overland flow around the perimeter of the landfill. Examples of surface flow looked for were, washouts and erosion. A high infiltration rate due to high sand content in the

soil is another factor which must be considered for surface water release. Based on the factors of overland distance and soil types, a release to surface water is not likely to occur. Sensitive environments were evaluated by the Illinois Department of Conservation and found to be nonexistent within a one mile radius of the site. A 15 mile water route using a drainage ditch called County Ditch No 1 which empties into the Hennepin Canal Feeder also lacked sensitive environments.

A surface water release, as previously stated, was not found during the reconnaissance. Although the shortest overland flow and most likely surface water source to receive runoff from the site is County Ditch No 1. The ditch is a lower perennial located a 1¼ mile south of the site and flows west.

4.4 Air Pathway

Landfill operations were completed by the mid-1970's. Previous Illinois Environmental Protection Agency reports from February 1971 indicated an absence of odor from the landfill itself (Reference 8). No complaints from nearby residents or files from the Whiteside County Health department were located. A release to air is not suspected based on past documentation in addition to present conditions of the site. During the site reconnaissance there were no offensive odors or debris observed. The majority of the landfill areas were covered with soil and vegetation. Because these areas were vegetated there is less potential for a release of soil due to wind or airborne erosion.

The estimated number of people living within each distance category are listed below:

<u>Distance (Miles)</u>	<u>Population</u>
On Site	0
0 to 1/4	8
1/4 to 1/2	11
1/2 to 1.0	37
1.0 to 2.0	212
2.0 to 3.0	861
3.0 to 4.0	1092

4.5 Soil Exposure Pathway

The soil at the Rock Valley Disposal site is potentially contaminated from unknown constituents within the landfill. Because the site was not permitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, an account of the different types of waste deposited in the landfill was not maintained.

Information concerning landfill closure is not available at this time. The amount or nature of the clean cover has not been documented. Because the lack of current information concerning this site, the likelihood of direct human contact with soil contaminants is unknown. Soil sampling may be necessary in order to determine whether hazardous materials are present in the soil.

Targets identified at the site include only one residence located off the northwest corner of the landfill near Plautz Road (Reference 1). Since this resident is located within 200 feet of areas suspected of contamination, they are considered primary targets. People who come in contact with the site are limited to

the property owners and a tenant farmer since it is privately owned. There are no site attractions on this property which would attract people to the property for recreational purposes.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Documentation</u>
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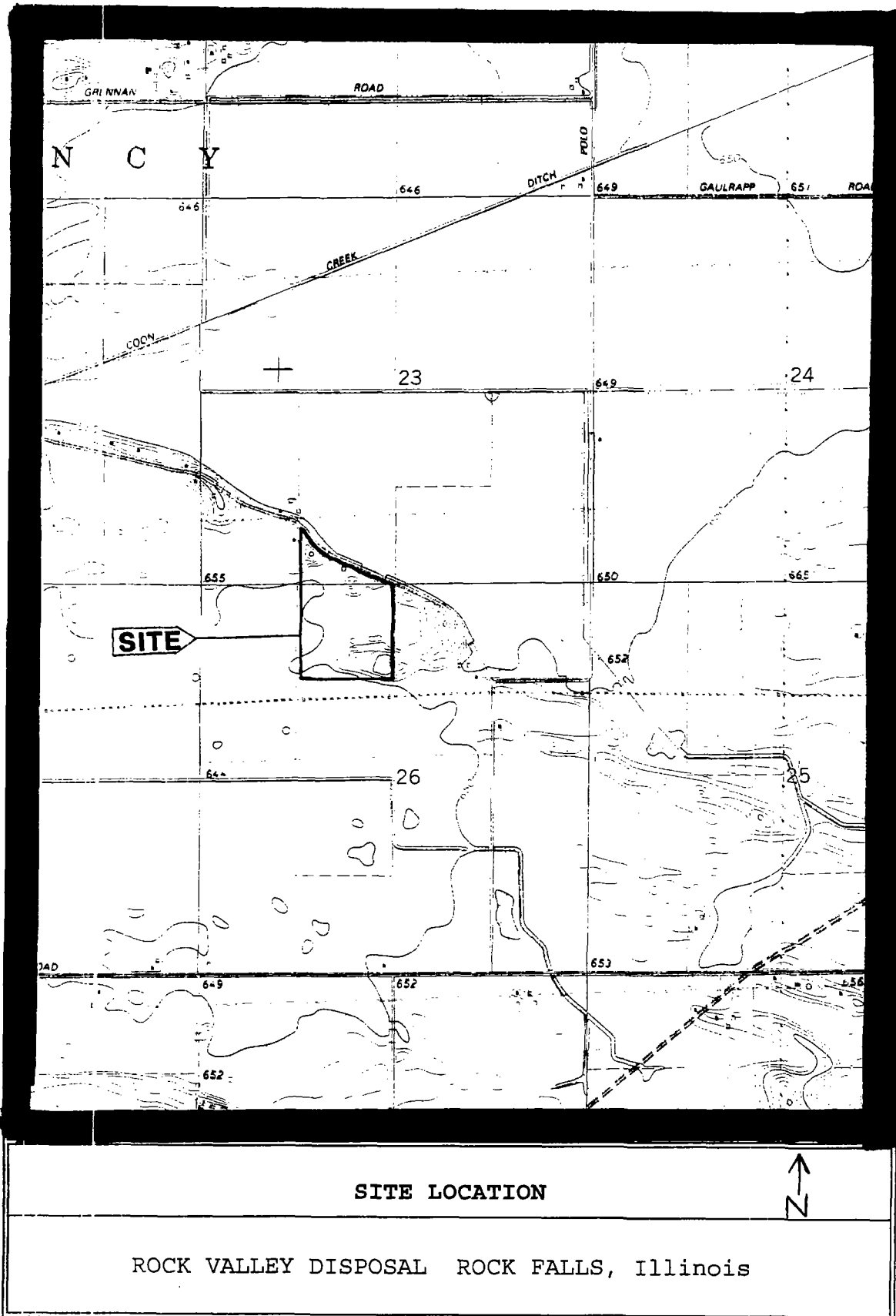


Figure 1

Rock Valley Disposal
Rock Falls, Il.



SITE LOCATION
Figure 2

PA-Score 2.1 Scoresheets
Rock Valley Disposal

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Approved for Use Through: 4/95

POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT FORM				IDENTIFICATION				
				State: IL		CERCLIS Number: 984903294		
				CERCLIS Discovery Date: 7/20/92				
1. General Site Information								
Name: Rock Valley Disposal				Street Address: 30237 Plautz Road				
City: Rock Falls		State: IL	Zip Code: 61071	County: Whiteside	Co. Code: 195	Cong. Dist: 16		
Latitude: 41 41' 58.0"		Longitude: 89 39' 49.0"	Approx. Area of Site: 958320 sq feet		Status of Site: Inactive			
2. Owner/Operator Information								
Owner: William Surratt				Operator: None				
Street Address: 30237 Plautz Road				Street Address:				
City: Rock Falls				City:				
State: IL	Zip Code: 61071	Telephone: 815-625-4115		State:	Zip Code:	Telephone:		
Type of Ownership: Private				How Initially Identified: Citizen Complaint				

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		State: IL	CERCLIS Number: 984903294
		CERCLIS Discovery Date: 7/20/92	
3. Site Evaluator Information			
Name of Evaluator: BRAD TAYLOR		Agency/Organization: IEPA	Date Prepared: 6/11/93
Street Address: 2200 CHURCHILL ROAD		City: SPRINGFIELD	State: IL
Name of EPA or State Agency Contact: BRAD TAYLOR		Telephone: 217-524-1660	
Street Address: 2200 CHURCHILL ROAD		City: SPRINGFIELD	State: IL
4. Site Disposition (for EPA use only)			
Emergency Response/Removal Assessment Recommendation: No Date: 6/11/93	CERCLIS Recommendation: NFRAP Date: 6/11/93	Signature: <i>Brad Taylor</i> Name: BRAD TAYLOR Position: LSCT	

POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS

WASTE SITE

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT FORM

IDENTIFICATION

State: IL CERCLIS Number: 984903294

CERCLIS Discovery Date: 7/20/92

5. General Site Characteristics

Predominant Land Uses Within
1 Mile of Site:
Residential
Agricultural

Site Setting:
Rural

Years of Operation:
Beginning Year: 1958
Ending Year: 1974

Type of Site Operations:
Municipal Landfill

Waste Generated:
Offsite

Waste Deposition Authorized
By: Former Owner

Waste Accessible to the Public
Yes

Distance to Nearest Dwelling,
School, or Workplace:
100 Feet

6 Waste Characteristics Information

Source Type Quantity Tier
landfill 9.58e+05 sq ft A

General Types of Waste:
Municipal Waste

Physical State of Waste as Deposited
Solid
Sludge

Tier Legend

C = Constituent W = Wastestream
V = Volume A = Area

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		CERCLIS Discovery Date: 7/20/92	
7. Ground Water Pathway			
Is Ground Water Used for Drinking Water Within 4 Miles: Yes	Is There a Suspected Release to Ground Water: Yes	List Secondary Target Population Served by Ground Water Withdrawn From:	
Type of Ground Water Wells Within 4 Miles: Private	Have Primary Target Drinking Water Wells Been Identified: Yes	0 - 1/4 Mile	8
		>1/4 - 1/2 Mile	11
		>1/2 - 1 Mile	37
Depth to Shallowest Aquifer: 0 Feet	Primary Target Population: 9	>1 - 2 Miles	212
		>2 - 3 Miles	861
Karst Terrain/Aquifer Present: No	Nearest Designated Wellhead Protection Area: None within 4 Miles	>3 - 4 Miles	1092
		Total	2221

POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT FORM		IDENTIFICATION	
		State: IL	CERCLIS Number: 984903294
		CERCLIS Discovery Date: 7/20/92	
8. Surface Water Pathway		Part 1 of 4	
Type of Surface Water Draining Site and 15 Miles Downstream: Other: Ditch	Shortest Overland Distance From Any Source to Surface Water: 1320 Feet 0.2 Miles		
Is there a Suspected Release to Surface Water: No	Site is Located in: Annual - 10 yr floodplain		
9. Surface Water Pathway		Part 2 of 4	
Drinking Water Intakes Along the Surface Water Migration Path: No			
Have Primary Target Drinking Water Intakes Been Identified: No			
Secondary Target Drinking Water Intakes: None			

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8. Surface Water Pathway

Part 3 of 4

Fisheries Located Along the Surface Water Migration Path: No

Have Primary Target Fisheries Been Identified: No

Secondary Target Fisheries:
None

8. Surface Water Pathway

Part 4 of 4

Wetlands Located Along the Surface Water Migration Path? (y/n) No

Have Primary Target Wetlands Been Identified? (y/n) No

Secondary Target Wetlands:
None

Other Sensitive Environments Along the Surface Water Migration Path: No

Have Primary Target Sensitive Environments Been Identified: No

Secondary Target Sensitive Environments:
None

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9. Soil Exposure Pathway

Are People Occupying Residences or
Attending School or Daycare on or
Within 200 Feet of Areas of Known
or Suspected Contamination: Yes
Total Resident Population: 6

Number of Workers Onsite: 1 - 100

Have Terrestrial Sensitive Environments Been Identified on or Within
200 Feet of Areas of Known or Suspected Contamination: No

10. Air Pathway

Total Population on or Within:	
Onsite	0
0 - 1/4 Mile	8
>1/4 - 1/2 Mile	11
>1/2 - 1 Mile	37
>1 - 2 Miles	212
>2 - 3 Miles	861
>3 - 4 Miles	1092
Total	2221

Is There a Suspected Release to Air: No

Wetlands Located

Within 4 Miles of the Site: No

Other Sensitive Environments Located

Within 4 Miles of the Site: No

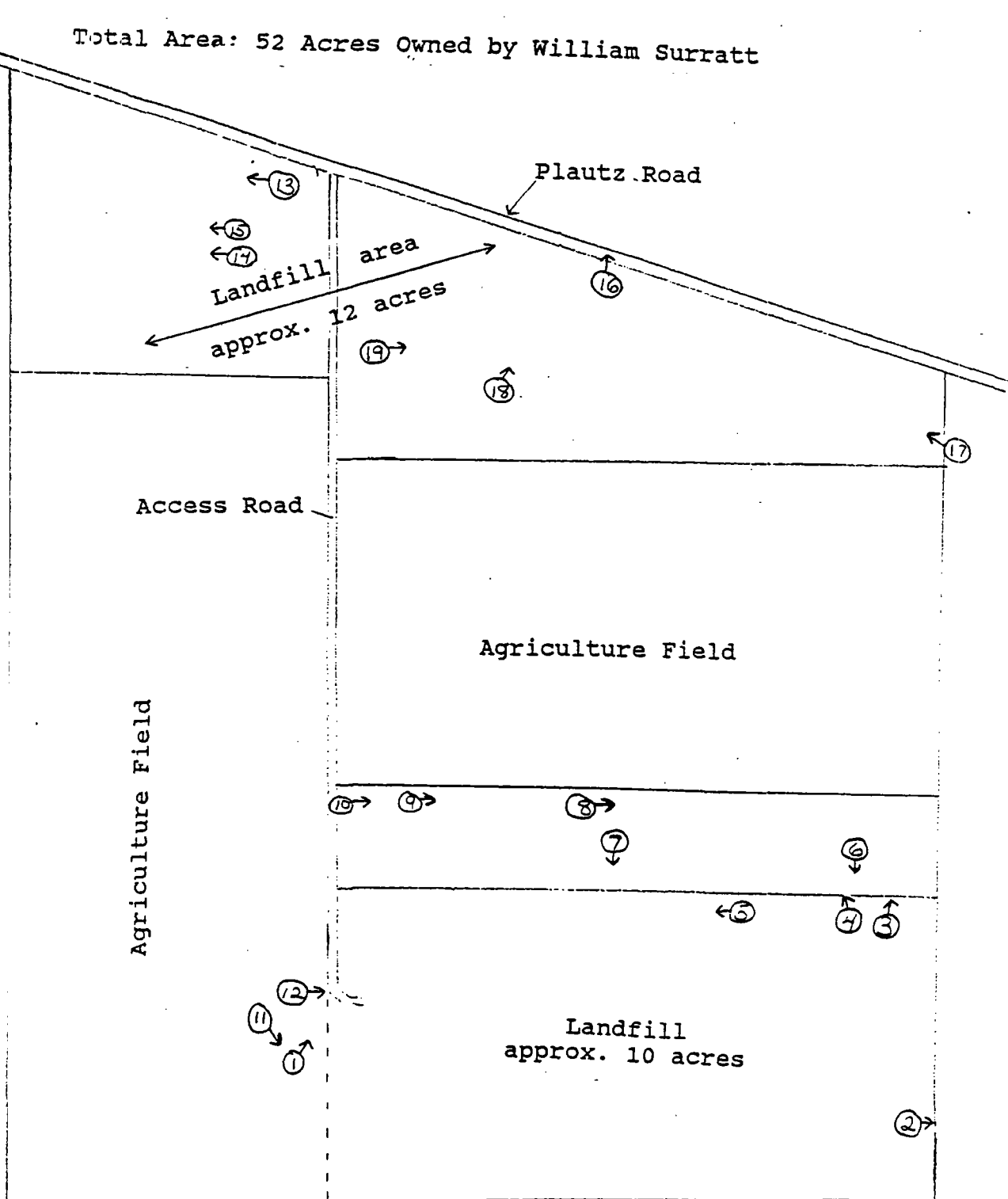
Sensitive Environments Within 1/2 Mile of the Site:

None

Reference Number 2

North ↑


Total Area: 52 Acres Owned by William Surratt



Photograph Location Map
*Map Not To Scale

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PHOTOS


**Reference
Number 3**

DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Landfill With EPA		
Vehicle in Back- ground.		
Direction NE.		
#1		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Taken toward farm- house off the SE. corner of the land- fill.
Direction SE.
#2




PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PHOTOS


DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Looking down off		
the NE. corner of		
the landfill at a		
crane.		
Direction NE.		
#3		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Taken off NE corner
toward Plautz Road
Direction NW.
#4




PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PHOTOS

DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Looking West off		
North end of 10		
acre plot showing		
elevation of landfill		
Direction W.		
#5		

DATE: 5/19/93	
TIME:	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR	
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:	
Looking at slope of landfill, difference in elevations	
Direction S.	
#6	


PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PHOTOS

DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Direction S.		
#7		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Direction E.
#8




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DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Small Wetland North of 10 acre landfill		
Direction E.		
#9		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Piles of burned debris.
Direction E.
#10




PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PHOTOS

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TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Looking at west end		
of landfill along		
agriculture field		
Direction SE.		
#11		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Toward landfill
area east of farm
field.
Direction E.
#12




PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PHOTOS

DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Toward elevated		
area near Plautz		
Road.		
Direction W.		
#13		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Concrete berm was
intended to be a
paper incinerator;
unfinished.
Direction W.
#14




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DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Old garbage trucks, debris near Plautz Road.		
Direction W.		
#15		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Taken from elevated area over looking Plautz Road, Coon Creek across field
Direction N.
#16




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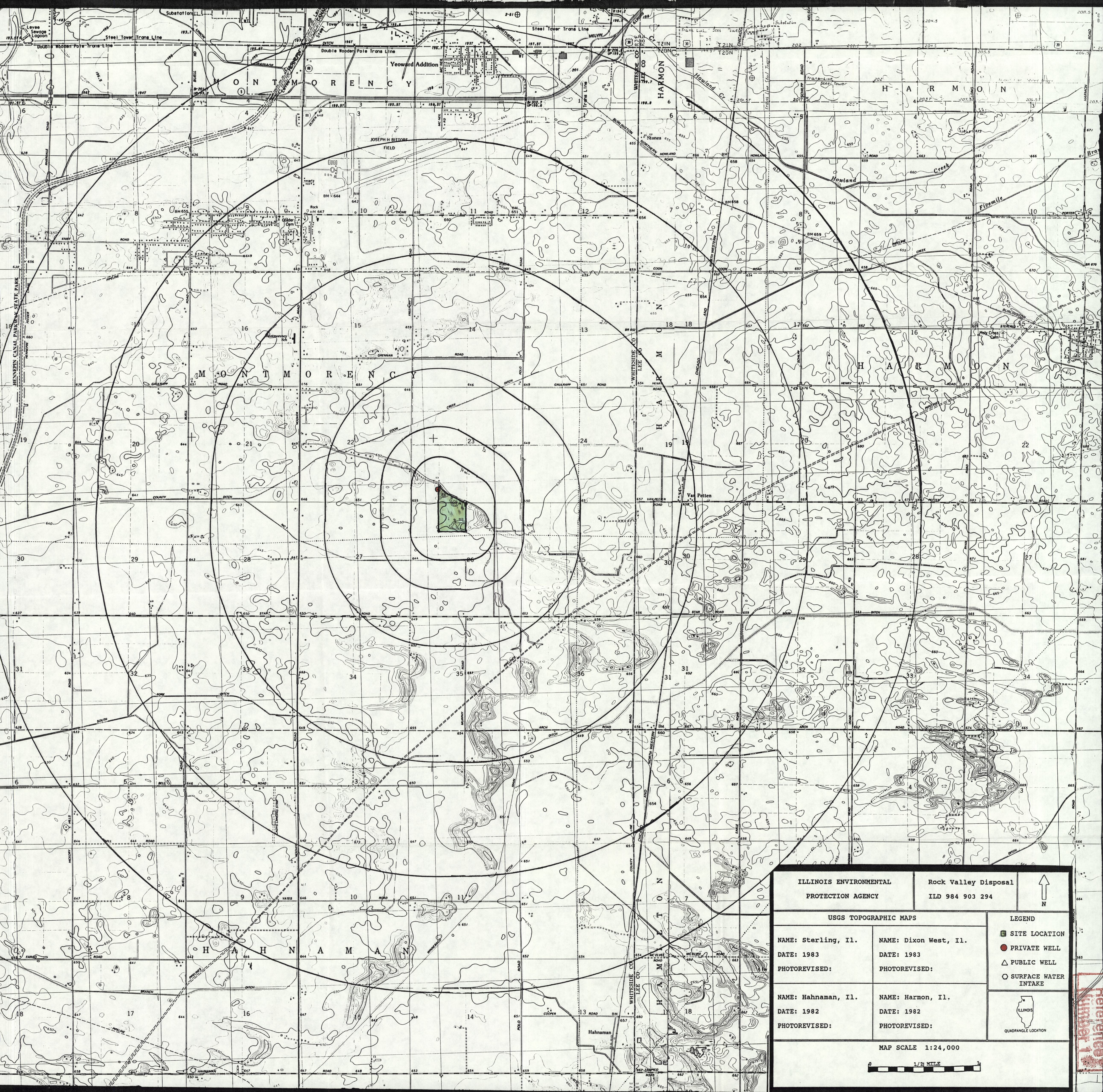
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TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Garbage trucks.		
Direction NW.		
#17		

DATE: 5/19/93
TIME:
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:
Sand pile unknown contents.
Direction NE.
#18



PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PHOTOS

DATE: 5/19/93	SITE ILD#:984903294	COUNTY: WHITESIDE
TIME:	SITE NAME: ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: B. TAYLOR		
COMMENTS: Picture taken toward:		
Sand pile and wreck		
automobile.		
Direction E.		
#19		



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY		Rock Valley Disposal ILD 984 903 294		
USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS				LEGEND ■ SITE LOCATION ● PRIVATE WELL △ PUBLIC WELL ○ SURFACE WATER INTAKE ILLINOIS QUADRANGLE LOCATION
NAME: Sterling, Il. DATE: 1983 PHOTOREVISED:		NAME: Dixon West, Il. DATE: 1983 PHOTOREVISED:		
NAME: Hahnaman, Il. DATE: 1982 PHOTOREVISED:		NAME: Harmon, Il. DATE: 1982 PHOTOREVISED:		
MAP SCALE 1:24,000 				

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GROUNDWATER IN NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

by

James E. Hackett
Robert E. Bergstrom

DIVISION OF THE
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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CONSUMER HEALTH PROTECTION, 535 WEST
 JEFFERSON, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, 62761. DO NOT DETACH GEOLOGICAL/WATER
 SURVEYS SECTION. BE SURE TO PROVIDE PROPER WELL LOCATION

new wt. form
 1/20/84

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 WELL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

1. Type of Well

- a. Dug _____ Bored _____ Hole Diam. 24 in. Depth 44 ft.
 Curb material _____ Buried Slab: Yes _____ No _____
 b. Driven _____ Drive Pipe Diam. _____ in. Depth _____ ft.
 c. Drilled _____ Finished in Drift _____ In Rock _____
 Tubular _____ Gravel Packed _____
 d. Grout:

(KIND)	FROM (Ft.)	TO (Ft.)
Bentonite	0	2

2. Distance to Nearest:

Building _____ Ft. Seepage Tile Field _____
 Cess Pool _____ Sewer (non Cast iron) _____
 Privy _____ Sewer (Cast iron) _____
 Septic Tank _____ Barnyard _____
 Leaching Pit _____ Manure Pile _____

3. Well furnishes water for human consumption? Yes _____ No ☒

4. Date well completed MAY 20, 1984

5. Permanent Pump Installed? Yes _____ Date _____ No _____

Manufacturer _____ Type _____ Location _____
 Capacity _____ gpm. Depth of Setting _____ Ft.

6. Well Top Sealed? Yes _____ No _____ Type _____

7. Pitless Adapter Installed? Yes _____ No _____

Manufacturer _____ Model Number _____
 How attached to casing? _____

8. Well Disinfected? Yes _____ No _____

9. Pump and Equipment Disinfected? Yes _____ No _____

10. Pressure Tank Size _____ gal. Type _____
 Location _____

11. Water Sample Submitted? Yes _____ No _____

REMARKS:

GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEYS WELL RECORD

10. Property owner Logan Moore Well No. _____
 Address Rock Falls, Ill.
 Driller Edward Irrigation License No. 102-002540
 11. Permit No. 111477 Date 4-8-84
 12. Water from _____ Formation _____
 at depth _____ to _____ ft. Sec. 26
 14. Screen: Diam. 12 in. Twp. 20N
 Length: 20 ft. Slot .050 Rge. 7E
 Elev. _____

15. Casing and Liner Pipe

Diam. (in.)	Kind and Weight	From (Ft.)	To (Ft.)
12"	Plain steel	0	79
12"	Steel screen	79	99

SHOW
 LOCATION IN
 SECTION PLAT
 NE SW SW
 Irrigation

16. Size Hole below casing: _____ in.

17. Static level 9 ft. below casing top which is _____ ft.
 above ground level. Pumping level 70 ft. when pumping at 1250
 gpm for _____ hours.

18. FORMATIONS PASSED THROUGH	THICKNESS	DEPTH OF BOTTOM
Top soil	0	2
Fine to coarse sand	2	44
Blue Clay	44	48
Fine to coarse sand	48	70
Med. sand to med gravel	70	100

(CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

SIGNED Ed O. McKinney DATE 3-29-84

Reference
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White Copy - Ill. Dept. of Public Health
 Yellow Copy - Contractor
 Blue Copy - Well Owner

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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WELL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEYS WELL RECORD

1. Type of Well

- a. Dug ☐ Bored ☐ Hole Diam. 1.5 in. Depth 82 ft.
 Curb material ☐ Buried Slab: Yes ☐ No ☐
 b. Driven ☐ Drive Pipe Diam. ☐ in. Depth ☐ ft.
 c. Drilled ☒ Finished in Drift ☒ In Rock ☐
 Tubular ☐ Gravel Packed ☐
 d. Grout: ☐

(KIND)	FROM (Ft.)	TO (Ft.)
puddled		
clay	0	60

2. Distance to Nearest:

Building ☐ Ft. Seepage Tile Field ☐
 Cess Pool ☐ Sewer (non Cast Iron) ☐
 Privy ☐ Sewer (Cast Iron) ☐
 Septic Tank ☐ Barnyard ☐
 Leaching Pit ☐ Manure Pile ☐

3. Well furnishes water for human consumption? Yes ☐ No ☒

4. Date well completed May 18, 1977

5. Permanent Pump Installed? Yes ☐ Date ☐ No ☒

Manufacturer ☐ Type ☐ Location ☐
 Capacity ☐ gpm. Depth of Setting ☐ Ft.

6. Well Top Sealed? Yes ☒ No ☐ Type Fiberglass

7. Pitless Adapter Installed? Yes ☐ No ☒

Manufacturer ☐ Model Number ☐
 How attached to casing? ☐

8. Well Disinfected? Yes ☒ No ☐

9. Pump and Equipment Disinfected? Yes ☒ No ☐

10. Pressure Tank Size ☐ gal. Type ☐
 Location ☐

11. Water Sample Submitted? Yes ☐ No ☒

REMARKS:

Non-responsive

Well No. 1908

Address Rock Falls, Illinois

Driller S.D. Albrecht

License No. 102-120

11. Permit No. 61025

Date ☐

12. Water from gravel

13. County Whiteside

Formation

at depth 52 to 82 ft.

Sec. 26SE

14. Screen: Diam. 12 in.

Twp. 20N

Length: 22 ft. Slot 60

Rge. 7E

Elev. ☐

15. Casing and Liner Pipe

Diam. (in.)	Kind and Weight	From (Ft.)	To (Ft.)
15	plastic	0	60

SHOW
LOCATION IN
SECTION PLAT

30'S, 30'W.
SE 1/4 NW
(navigation)

16. Size Hole below casing: 1.5 in.

17. Static level 6 ft. below casing top which is ☐ ft.
 above ground level. Pumping level ☐ ft. when pumping at 1000
 gpm for ☐ hours.

18. FORMATIONS PASSED THROUGH	THICKNESS	DEPTH OF BOTTOM
3/8" gravel	34	34
clay	18	52
3/8" gravel	30	82

(CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

SIGNED S.D. Albrecht DATE AUG. 29 1977

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

Whiteside

COUNTY

Land

DIVISION

SITE: Rock Valley Disposal

ILD# 984903294

Re: Groundwater use south of Rock Falls.

CONVERSATION WITH: Gary Trewniter Superintendent of Water Department

() I CALLED PARTY (X) PARTY CALLED ME DATE 6/14/93 TIME: 1:15P

() COMPLAINANT () VIOLATOR () PUBLIC INQUIRY () PARTITIONER

What I said:

What other party said:

Had a note to call Brad Taylor.

Thanks for returning my call.

I am doing a site investigation

of an area south of Rock Falls and

would like to know about the groundwater

use in the area. I am interested

in a couple of areas, the first is

a area labeled Yeoward Addition

on a topographic map.

This area located south of Route

30 is not served by Rock Falls municipal

water and is on groundwater wells

through private use.

The second area is Matmency

located on Route 88 south of Rock

Falls

This area is not served by Rock

Falls municipality either

Continue on other side if needed.

Brad Taylor

Signature

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AVERAGE PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD 1990 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

COUNTY	POPULATION	UNITS	PERSONS/ HOUSEHOLD
ADAMS	66,090	25,515	2.59
ALEXANDER	10,626	4,234	2.51
BOND	14,991	5,652	2.65
BOONE	30,808	10,950	2.81
BROWN	5,836	1,991	2.93
BUREAU	35,688	13,790	2.59
CALHOUN	5,322	2,048	2.60
CARROLL	18,805	6,638	2.53
CASS	13,437	5,195	2.59
CHAMPAIGN	173,025	63,900	2.71
CHRISTIAN	34,418	13,591	2.53
CLARK	15,921	6,394	2.49
CLAY	14,460	5,708	2.53
CLINTON	33,944	11,583	2.93
COLES	51,644	18,957	2.72
COOK	5,105,067	1,879,488	2.72
CRAWFORD	19,464	7,792	2.50
CUMBERLAND	10,670	4,029	2.65
DEKALB	77,932	28,413	2.95
DEWITT	16,516	6,488	2.55
DOUGLAS	19,464	7,206	2.70
DUPAGE	781,886	279,344	2.80
EDGAR	19,595	7,859	2.49
EDWARDS	7,440	3,016	2.47
EFFINGHAM	31,704	11,465	2.77
FAYETTE	20,893	7,719	2.71
FORD	14,275	5,602	2.55
FRANKLIN	40,319	16,564	2.43
FULTON	38,080	14,893	2.56
GALLATIN	6,909	2,785	2.48
GREENE	15,317	5,910	2.59
GRUNDY	32,337	11,979	2.70
HAMILTON	8,499	3,476	2.45
HANCOCK	21,373	8,409	2.54
HARDIN	5,189	2,049	2.53
HENDERSON	8,096	3,237	2.50
HENRY	51,159	19,514	2.62
IROQUOIS	30,787	11,788	2.61
JACKSON	61,067	23,466	2.60
JASPER	10,609	3,962	2.68
JEFFERSON	37,020	14,606	2.53
JERSEY	20,539	7,344	2.80
JO DAVIESS	21,821	8,371	2.61
JOHNSON	11,347	3,725	3.05
KANE	317,471	107,176	2.96
KANKAKEE	96,255	34,623	2.78

COUNTY	POPULATION	UNITS	PERSONS/ HOUSEHOLD
KENDALL	39,413	13,301	2.96
KNOX	56,393	21,909	2.57
LAKE	516,418	173,966	2.97
LESALLE	108,913	41,284	2.59
LAWRENCE	15,972	6,320	2.53
LEE	34,392	12,475	2.76
LIVINGSTON	39,301	13,737	2.88
LOGAN	30,798	11,033	2.79
MCDONOUGH	35,244	12,255	2.88
MCHENRY	183,241	62,940	2.91
MCLEAN	129,180	46,796	2.76
MACON	117,208	45,998	2.55
MACOUPIN	47,679	18,176	2.62
MADISON	249,238	94,857	2.63
MARION	41,561	16,272	2.55
MARSHALL	12,846	4,900	2.62
MASON	16,269	6,342	2.57
MASSAC	14,752	5,908	2.50
HENARD	11,164	4,199	2.66
HERCER	17,290	6,572	2.63
MONROE	22,422	8,189	2.74
MONTGOMERY	30,728	11,480	2.68
MORGAN	36,397	13,678	2.66
MOULTRIE	13,930	5,122	2.72
OGLE	45,957	17,132	2.68
PEORIA	182,827	70,797	2.58
PERRY	21,412	8,306	2.58
PIATT	15,548	5,934	2.62
PIKE	17,577	7,016	2.51
POPE	4,373	1,611	2.71
PULASKI	7,523	2,957	2.54
PUTNAM	5,730	2,204	2.60
RANDOLPH	34,583	11,949	2.89
RICHLAND	16,545	6,503	2.54
ROCK ISLAND	148,723	59,317	2.51
ST. CLAIR	262,852	95,333	2.76
SALTNE	26,551	10,839	2.45
SANGAMON	178,386	72,146	2.47
SCHUYLER	7,498	3,002	2.50
SCOTT	5,644	2,190	2.58
SHELBY	22,261	8,563	2.60
STARK	6,534	2,512	2.60
STEPHENSON	48,052	18,920	2.54
TAZEWELL	123,692	47,171	2.62
UNION	17,619	6,838	2.58
VERMILION	88,257	34,072	2.59
WABASH	13,111	5,032	2.61
WARREN	19,181	7,398	2.59
WASHGHTON	14,965	5,658	2.64
WAYNE	17,241	6,935	2.49
WHITE	16,522	6,845	2.41
WHITESIDE	60,186	22,740	2.65
WILL	357,313	116,933	3.06
WILLIAMSON	57,733	23,120	2.50
WINNEBAGO	252,913	96,727	2.61
WOODFORD	12,653	11,195	2.87

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SOIL REPORT NO. 40

WHITESIDE COUNTY SOILS

By R. S. SMITH, O. I. ELLIS, E. E. DETURK, F. C. BAUER,
AND L. H. SMITH



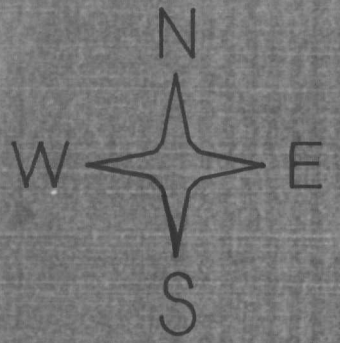
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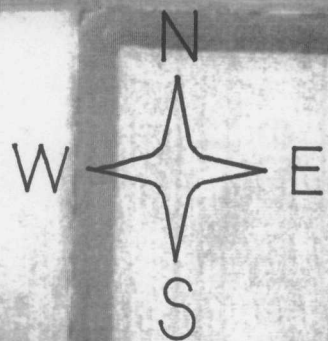


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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION MAP	9-17-79
ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL	
SCALE: 1" = 200'	

**Reference
Number 12**



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION MAP 1988

ROCK VALLEY DISPOSAL

SCALE: 1" = 200'



Illinois Department of Conservation

Reference
Number 13

LINCOLN TOWER PLAZA • 524 SOUTH SECOND STREET • SPRINGFIELD 62701-1787

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John W. Comerio, Deputy Director

Bruce F. Clay, Assistant Director

July 2, 1993

Mr. Brad Taylor
LPC/IEPA
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Re: ILD #984903294
Whiteside County

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your June 22, 1993 request regarding the noted CERCLIS site in Whiteside County.

Based on our review there are no sensitive areas (form attached) on-site or in the 0-1/4, 1/4-1/2 or 1/2-1 mile radius of the site or along the 15 mile waterpath which includes a drainage ditch and a portion of the Hennepin Canal Feeder and State Trail.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Lutz
Acting Chief
Division of Impact Analysis

RWL:mcg

attachment: sensitive areas form

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION IDENTIFICATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREAS

LD # 984903294

— 2 more known from area

TARGET DISTANCE CATEGORIES

SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTS	TARGET DISTANCE CATEGORIES			
	On-site	0-1/4 mile	1/4-1/2 mile	stream mileage
I. Critical habitat for Federally designated or proposed endangered or threatened species	—	—	—	—
II. Habitat known to be used by Federally designated or proposed endangered or threatened species	—	—	—	—
III. State wildlife refuge	—	—	—	—
IV. Spawning areas critical for the maintenance of fish/shellfish species within a river system	—	—	—	—
V. Terrestrial areas utilized by large or dense aggregations of vertebrate animals for breeding	—	—	—	—
VI. Habitat known to be used by State designated or threatened species	—	—	—	—
VII. Habitat known to be used by a species under review as to its Federal endangered or threatened status	—	—	—	—
VIII. State lands designated for wildlife or game management	—	—	—	—
IX. State designated natural area	—	—	—	—
X. Particular areas, relatively small in size, important to the maintenance of unique biotic communities	—	—	—	—

If any of the sensitive areas identified above exist within the designated target distance limits, please post an asterisk (*) in the appropriate column.

Reference
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

Whiteside
COUNTY

Land Pollution
DIVISION

SITE: Rock Valley Disposal

ILD# 984903294

Re: Dump Status

CONVERSATION WITH: Henry E. Bilthouse

(X) I CALLED PARTY () PARTY CALLED ME DATE 7/12/93 TIME: 6:40p

() COMPLAINANT () VIOLATOR () PUBLIC INQUIRY () PARTITIONER

What I said:

What other party said:

Hi Mr. Bilthouse, my name is
Bruce Taylor with the Ill. EPA.

I am conducting an investigation
of parcel of property in Rock Falls
about 6 miles north. This piece of
is located on Plucky Road and used to
be the old Sandusky Dump.

Previous EPA files show that Mrs.
Sandusky operated the dump until
at least 1972.

Do you recall when you purchased
the property?

Yes I know what property you're talking
about. I bought this piece of property
as an investment along with a partner. We
purchased the trash hauling service and the
land from Mrs. Sandusky.

I can't recall the exact year but
Continue on other side if needed.

LSCT

Signature

Title

What I said:

Can you tell me about any operations
you had on this property.

Well because of soil condition there
is a concern for groundwater quality.
This concern resulted in an investigation
in order to determine whether further
work needs to be performed on this site.

COMMENTS:

REFERRED TO:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

What other party said:

I know it was in the early 70's.

We did not use the property to put
any waste here. The only thing we may
have done was to level off some of the
hills on the property.

We brought the business for hauling
trash as an investment. The trash
was transported up to Dixon. We
were not into the landfill end of the op-
eration. This business was not too
profitable so we sold the business
shortly afterwards.

If I remember this property was not
good for landfill purposes because it was
so sandy.

UNIT:

Brad Taylor

Signature

cont'd

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

Whiteside

COUNTY

Land Pollution
DIVISION

SITE: Rock Valley Disposal

ILD# 984 903294

Re: Dump Status

CONVERSATION WITH: Henry E. Biltbouse

(X) I CALLED PARTY () PARTY CALLED ME DATE 7/12/93 TIME: 6:40p

() COMPLAINANT () VIOLATOR () PUBLIC INQUIRY () PARTITIONER

What I said:

What other party said:

Cont'd.

Do you have any information about
the property during Sandusky Owner-
ship.

When did you sell the property.

Well I appreciate your time
and information.

No I am not sure what the Sandusky's
put on the property.

Around 1980 a man named
Surritt was looking for a place in
the country to build a home.

Ok. Bye!

Continue on other side if needed.

Beck anfor

Signature

LSCT

Title

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

Whitehall
COUNTY:

Land Pollution Control
DIVISION

SITE: Rock Valley Disposal

ILD# 984903294

Re: Land Use Prior to 1959

CONVERSATION WITH: Gathy Thickett / Wife of Howard Thickett

() I CALLED PARTY (X) PARTY CALLED ME DATE 7/14/93 TIME: 9:00

() COMPLAINANT () VIOLATOR () PUBLIC INQUIRY () PARTITIONER

What I said:

What other party said:

Good morning! I appreciate you
calling back.

Well I checked with family members
and what we could find out was
this property was the home of Elwin
and Ethel Thickett. These people were
my husband's Howard, grandparents. The
property was used to grow watermelons
and agricultural purposes. The land
was sold to the Miller's under a land
contract.

The tax records show this occurred
on April 1960^{BS} 1959.

The property was not used as a dump
as far as we know while the property
was in the Thickett family

Ok! Well that is what I wanted
to know. Thank you and Good bye!

Bye!
Continue on other side if needed.

B. Radday
Signature

LSCT

Title